



FIRE CHIEF

The Cherry Valley Fire Protection District (the "District"), Winnebago and Boone Counties, Illinois, is located southeast of Rockford, Illinois and encompasses approximately 35 square miles and serves the Village of Cherry Valley and unincorporated areas of Winnebago and Boone Counties providing excellent services to 20,260 residents of the District. The Village of Cherry Valley is a community of 8.72 miles located in the Kishwaukee River valley which lies primarily in Winnebago County (approximately ten percent of the village is located in Boone County). The Village of Cherry Valley has a population of 3,162 residents. The Cherry Valley Fire Protection District is a multifunction fire protection and life-safety organization. The District provides fire, emergency, medical, and other life safety services to those who reside, work, and travel through the area. The District accomplishes its mission through fire prevention and public fire safety education, fire suppression, rescue, hazard mitigation, and advanced life support emergency medical services (EMS).

JOB SUMMARY: The District is seeking an energetic and experienced fire service leader with strong communication and interpersonal skills. A commitment to high professional standards is required and experience with both fire and EMS is important. The ideal candidate must have an inclusive managerial style and experience working in a union environment. The fire chief leads a combination department comprised of 19 full-time employees and approximately 40 paid-on-call (POC) employees operating from two (2) fire stations. The staff provides daily support from a separate Administration building and department personnel are provided with state-of-the-art training through a regional training facility. It operates annually from a budget of \$3.4 million supported through District taxes and ambulance transportation fees. The District provides Advanced Life Support EMS service as a member of the OSF Northern Region Emergency Medical Services through Saint Anthony Hospital in Rockford.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: The ideal candidate shall have experience working successfully in a collaborative labor relations/collective bargaining environment. Must be able to demonstrate the technical aspects of emergency scene management (NIMS), EMS (ALS and BLS) leadership and management and transport, Emergency Management Preparedness and planning (EMA), fire prevention and fire prevention education programs, hazardous materials response, special technical rescue response, MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) operations, response and management. Superior strategic planning skills, fiscal and budget management must be able to be demonstrated through career experience.



EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Ten (10) or more years of progressively responsible experience, and or any combination of education, training, and experience which provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform the essential functions of the job.
- Bachelor's degree from and accredited four-year university or college, fire science or related field. Graduate and Masters level study and degree attainment is a plus.
- National Registry EMT-B or EMT-P is not mandatory, but is desirable.
- Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal Fire Officer III, Chief Fire Officer and National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer certification preferred.

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS: Salary range \$93,000(+) Negotiable depending on qualifications and experience. The District also provides an excellent benefit package and retirement program. Residency within the District is being determined by the Board of Trustees.

TO APPLY: The application closing date is September 1, 2016. Successful candidates will participate in an Assessment Center process on a date to be announced later. Interested and qualified candidates should apply at once, with resume and salary history, together with a letter summarizing your qualifications, education, professional accomplishments, and a description of the size of the departments and populations where you have gained experience in confidence to the Fire District's Executive Search Consultant below:



Submit all application materials to:
Executive Search Consultant
Illinois Fire Chiefs Association
P.O. Box 7
Skokie, IL 60076-0007

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